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Of Special Interest This Week

+ PANAMANIAN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST FBIS - A press release issued by the press office of the Panama Defense Forces (FDP) on 1 June alleged that the clandestine station Radio Constitucional, which it described as "broadcasting messages calling for the country's destabilization," is operating from the FBIS Panama Bureau. The statement goes on to say that FBIS is "a branch of the CIA" and names the Bureau Chief, Deputy Chief, and Chief Editor as the U.S. officials in charge of the facility. The press release also says that Panama Bureau works in coordination with the FBIS bureau in Asuncion, Paraguay, and 18 other facilities around the world to "feed information to the CIA and carry out plans for aggression, assassinations, and destabilization." [redacted]

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A report on the FDP press release was first monitored by Panama Bureau early in the morning on 2 June from the Cuban news agency PRENSA LATINA and later that day from the Panama City domestic radio service. The allegations were later repeated by a variety of radio, television, and newspaper sources in Panama and other parts of Latin America. The pro-Noriega Panamanian newspaper CRITICA accompanied its story with two photos, one of the satellite antennas adjacent to the bureau and the other of the apartment building in which the Bureau Chief lives. No further references to the FDP allegations have been monitored from the media since 4 June. [redacted]

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+ FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS COVERAGE - The FBIS satellite monitoring system at Headquarters (TVRO) and INTERNET system combined to provide live coverage of the initial results of the first round of the elections for the French National Assembly on 5 June. The 4-hour Antenne 2 news report was monitored from the French TELECOM satellite. As a backup, the same program was monitored in London from a EUTEL satellite and fed to Headquarters via INTERNET. The final round of the elections is scheduled for 12 June, and FBIS will again provide real-time election results via its satellite television coverage. [redacted]

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